THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir. Railways are able to meet the seasonal rush of Pilgrims in Andhra Pradesh, including Tirupati.

(b) Does not arise.

Budget Allocation for Eastern Railway

1787. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Eastern Railway Office is working at Bhubaneshwar, Orissa;

(b) what is the total Budget allocation for Eastern Railway office, Bhubaneshwar; and

(c) which are the areas under the Railway division working under Eastern Zone office, Bhubaneshwar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) There is no Eastern Zone Railway office working at Bhubaneshwar in Orissa. However, it is proposed to set up East Coast Railway (ECoR) zone at Bhubaneshwar.

(b) An allocation of Rs. 30.00 lakhs is proposed for the year 2000-01 for the East Coast Railway Zone.

(c) The territorial jurisdiction of East Coast Railway Zone (ECoR) has not yet been finalised.

Justice Khanna Report on Railway Safety

1788. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Safety Review Committee, headed by Justice Khanna, in its Part-I report has pointed out the drainage resources in terms of manpower and money in ceremonial, inaugural and other celebratory functions;

(b) whether the Committee has also recommended an immediate moratorium on all types of celebratory and ceremonial functions for at least next three years;

(c) if so, the details of all such functions, including inauguration, foundation stone-laying flag ceremony, etc. during the last one year; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to implement the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A statement is attached. *(See* below).

(d) Total moratorium on inaugural/celebratory functions is not desirable in the interest of customer care, passenger feedback, public participation and also publicity of Railway's/Government's programmes and achievements. However, keeping in view the recommendation of Railway Safety Review Committee, instructions have been issued that all functions must be organized in an austere manner.

Statement

Railway	Foundation Stone Laying	Inauguration	Flagging Off Ceremony	Total
Central	2	7	4	13
Eastern	9	—	1	10
Northern	2	12	1	15
North Eastern	2	4	1	7
Northeast Frontier	—	—	—	0
Southern	9	3	—	12
South Central	2	6	—	8
South Eastern	7	2	3	12
Western	—	4	—	4
Total	33	38	10	81